29 December 2005 Stockholm, New Jersey

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Xin Chao Dai Ta Daniel (I gave you a promotion to Colonel),

I am normally reticent about making contact with extremely busy people. Especially now since I tried an E-Mail and even a phone message. So..please forgive my brazenness in sending this note and the heft of the packet which accompanies it. I am somewhat of a recluse in all matters of communication but since you exhibited some interest in Thanh Phong/Bob Kerrey I will mail some things I have.

I mentioned in E-mail that I, after thanksgiving in Texas, read your great book 'Secrets'. I was extremely impressed and have already passed out about 10 copies. It is of the greatest importance to an understanding of our democracy's present predicament.

## **Contents:**

- 1) Several maps and photos concerning Thanh Phong and, I believe, more importantly Hon Tam. NB photo and caption under Capt. Hoffmann. I was in VN when this contretemps developed so I am not certain if anyone mentioned his past history in relation to both Bob and John. Also maps of Thanh Phong and Hon Tam which illustrate the egregious laziness of the reporter(s).
- 2) In case you do not have the books in question, I have enclosed chapters that I believe are relevant to many questions that arise.
- 3) My rather long analysis of both books and the NYTimes article. I have an even longer one of about 50 pages fully cited and footnoted.
- 4) Letter from an old VC Colonel who wanted me to deliver to you. I did try to mail from VN but am not sure if you received it.
- 5) Spare copy of excellent book, Viet Cong Memoir, whose author's life reminds me somewhat of your passage through the war years.
- 6) Lastly, a scarf that might be a bit too 'flowery' for you. Maybe the lady in your life? I get a bunch each trip to VN from a town in the north called Sa Pa near the border with China. A few bucks!!

Again, my sincere apologies. No need to reply but please still keep me in mind if you do make that return trip to VN in early 2006. I will enclose my 'business' card with data for VN and for USA.

Your old grunt 'pal', Billy Kelly

PS: Richard Clarke has a very interesting 'nightmare' scenario in Atlantic Monthly (Nov-Dec (?) '05 which ties in nicely with your own. Mine is a Tet-like offensive in USA with well coordinated bombings in numerous public spaces. Then we shall see martial law and so on.





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O Jornal Do Brasil: Viet Nam News: New York's Samizdat

Abit of hyperbole

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